Package to Karnataka for Agriculture

2302. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board has agreed to provide a Rs. 600 crore package to Karnataka for implementing various agriculture projects in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, which are the agricultural projects proposed to be implemented with the above package?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) NDDB has on February 28, 2000 signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Karnataka for various development projects in the State with an outlay of about Rs. 500 crores. The MOU broadly covers the areas of dairy development, animal husbandry, horticulture, oilseeds and revegetation. The areas of activity in dairying proposed for funding are in fact an extension of the project funded during Operation Flood and thereafter.

Relief Plan in Orissa by UN Agency

2303. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any U.N. Agency has formulated plan for providing relief in the cyclone affected areas of coastal Orissa;

(b) if so, what is its priority area for the purpose; and

(c) whether there is any seheme for generating self-employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The priority areas included provision of foodstuffs, supply of drinking water, shelter and prevention of epidemics.

(c) This concerns the Government of Orissa and no information in this regard is available from them.

New Crop Insurance Scheme

2304. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Ministry of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: